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1. In 1946 a Cooperative of Soviet Organizations was set up in Rumania. This cooperative was to supply the Soviet civilian population in Rumania with shoes and clothing. In January 1951 the Soviet managers of the cooperative left Rumania and the management was handed over to the Rumanians. The cooperative was then renamed the "Russian Colony Clothing Factory." In 1951 a General Commercial Office (Oficiul de Comerț General) was set up within the Ministry of Inland Trade, and the above cooperative was absorbed by this office. The administrative management consisted of a Manager, Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk, Secretary-Cashier, and Storekeeper. In addition there was a technical management which was composed of the technical managers of all the workshops. All members of the management spoke Russian. The factory, which employs about 120 workers, is located in Bucharest, 105 Calea Mosilor, in a large building which has three wings and is surrounded by a yard.
2. The factory produces various materials and clothing. It also executes orders against special coupons received from Soviets for whom prices are about one sixth of those on the open market. Most Soviets leaving for the USSR order several suits and coats, as well as underwear, linen, and shoes.
3. The following is the approximate output per month:
 - a. Men's shoes -150 pairs
 - b. Women's shoes -150 pairs
 - c. Men's suits and coats -150
 - d. Women's coats -100

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- e. Dresses - 250 to 300
- f. Men's shirts - 400 to 450
- g. Linen - 200 to 250 sets
- h. Ladies' underwear - 50 sets

4. The following personalities are known:

a. Godeanu, Inspector General of the General Commercial Office.

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b. Weismann, Manager of the General Commercial Office.

c. Struhl Cohn, Deputy Manager of the General Commercial Office.

d. Nicolae Istrate, Manager of the factory.

e. Nicolae Herega, Chief Clerk of the factory

f. Alexandru Gruia, Assistant Chief Clerk. H

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